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**CITY OF GILBERT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Bellerud called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bellerud, Councilors Garrity, Gentile, Nemanick and Omersa.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Attorney Aluni, City Engineer Jamnick, Police Chief Skelton, Working Foreman Kuitunen, Fire Chief Omersa, Library Director Prieve, Campground Caretaker Smith, City Clerk Darrow and Confidential Secretary Devich.

Mayor Bellerud led the audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

No additions to the agenda.

Motion by Omersa second by Garrity to approve minutes of Regular and Special Council Meetings of July 26 and 27, 2011. Motion carried with Councilor Gentile abstaining.

Motion by Nemanick second by Garrity to approve minutes of Gilbert Cemetery Board Meeting of August 4, 2011. All approved.

Mayor Bellerud stated the City should have concrete plans to expand the cemetery. City Engineer Jamnick replied he mapped out an expansion plan 3-4 years ago and would supply the Council with the plan.

No public input.

Councilor Garrity requested City Engineer Jamnick to attend the next Water and Light Board Meeting and Jamnick agreed to make it.

City Engineer Jamnick provided an update on City projects as well as improvements to the Water Plant. Jamnick stated Range Landscaping will be working on the erosion problem at Lake Ore-Be-Gone Beach tomorrow from about 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Campground Caretaker Smith updated the Council on Sherwood Forest Campground noting her appreciation for the weed-whacking help from the summer laborers.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve payment of bills and payroll subject to audit by Mayor and Clerk (check no. 10638-10683). All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Garrity to approve contract for the provision of meter reading service with Dennis Erchul. Start date will be August 15, 2011 and Erchul will be trained in on the meter reading job in August and September. All approved.



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City Clerk Darrow noted he met with Minnesota Power and it was determined the transformer and cable repair does fall within the City's right-of-way.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to allow Minnesota Power to repair the transformers and cable along Summit Street. All approved.

Public Works Foreman Kuitunen explained the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority is requesting a letter of intent from the City of Gilbert to donate \$3,000 because if all the surrounding cities commit to donate for a total of \$30,000 the Authority will contribute another \$20,000 so they can apply for a \$50,000 matching grant from the IRRRB to purchase new equipment. Kuitunen stated the City would only have to donate the \$3,000 if the grant from the IRRRB is approved.

Councilor Nemanick commented favorably on having all the communities participate and recommended the City auction off the equipment and such that is in the City Compound to raise the \$3,000. Councilor Omersa stated the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority is a valuable program for all the cities to be involved in and recommended the City of Gilbert commit to donating \$3,000 regardless of where the money comes from.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to send a letter of intent to donate \$3,000 to Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Bellerud, Councilor Garrity, Gentile and Omersa voting in favor and Councilor Nemanick voting against.

City Clerk Darrow provided the Council with the budget framework for 2012 and stated he will be going through it in further detail. Darrow explained to ensure the 2012 Budget Process is an open and transparent process residents and interested parties are invited to stop by City Hall during the following dates to get information and learn more about the budget process: August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 p.m., August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and September 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Omersa second by Gentile to approve and implement the City of Gilbert Credit Card Policy. All approved.

City Clerk Darrow stated within the next month City Engineer Jamnick and he will provide a list of damaged sidewalks and catch basins to the Council so the City can develop a plan for correcting the areas.

Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve proposal by Connelly Industrial Electronic for the Water Plant Control upgrades in the amount not too exceed \$28,000.00 and for the Wastewater Treatment Plant alarm tie-in and HMI project in the amount not too exceed \$22,950.00. All approved.



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Motion by Garrity second by Omersa to approve the Phase II Letter of Intent and Reservation for Lake Ore-Be-Gone with William and Linda Larson for Lot 13, Block 1 of the Lake Ore-Be-Gone Residential Subdivision. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to approve city employee, Sam Lautigar for the Operating Supervisor position with a starting date to be determined. All approved.

Motion by Gentile second by Omersa to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. All approved.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

The aforementioned is a summary of the action items from this meeting. To listen to the full transcript of this meeting, please contact City staff at 218.748.2232.